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SUBJ: WMO UNDP PROJECT FOR CYCLONE WARNING AND RESEARCH ORGANIZATION-
INDIA

1. SUBJECT PROJECT (UNDP DESIGNATION IS IND/74/065/A/01/16) HAS NOW
BEEN APPROVED BY UNDP FOR TOTAL OF \$708,000, TO BE SPENT OVER PRIOD
OF TWO YEARS-1976-77. COPY OF PROJECT DESCRIPTION BEING FORWARDED
TO JOHNSON, NOAA.

2. PROJECT PROVIDES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CYCLONE RECONNAISSANCE CAPABIL

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ITY IN INDIA. THIS CINCLUDES: MODIFICATION AND INSTRUMENTATION OF
SUITABLE AIRCRAFT (INDIAN AIR FORCE PROVIDING LOCKHEED SUPRCONSTELL-
ATION); ESTABLISHMENT ATMADRAS OF CENTER FOR MANAGEMENT OF RESEARCH
FLIGHT, USE OF DATA FROM FLIGHT RECONNAISSANCE, AND PREPARATION OF
WARNINGS AND FORECASTS OF TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE INDIAN SEA AND
BAY OF BENGAL.

3. URGENT NEED IS FOR CONSULTANT TO VISIT INDIA TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIO
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FOR INSTRUMENTATION OF RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT. THIS STUDY IS
EXPECTED TO REQUIRE ABOUT ONE MONTHAND IT IS HOPED THAT ACTION
COULD PROCEED FOLLOWING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PURCHASE OF
NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND RRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR INSTALLATION
ON AIRCRAFT PROVIDED BY INDIA. IT IS HOPED THAT WHEN INSTRUMENT-
ATION BECOMES AVAILABLE THE SAME OR OTHER EXPERT COULD BE PRO-
VIDED TO SUPERVISE THEIR INSTALLATION.

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4. FURTHER EXPERT IS DESIRED TO ADVISE INDIAN GOVERNMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER WHICH WOULD MANAGE RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT FACILITY AND MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF THE INFORMATION IN PREPARATION OF FORECASTS AND WARNINGS. A DURATION OF FOUR MONTHS IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY. MAY BE DESIRABLE THAT BOTH THESE EXPERTS BE PROVIDED AT THE SAME TIME, BUT THIS IS NOT CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL.

5. SEVERAL ADDITIONAL CONSULTANTS ARE PROVIDED FOR UNDER PROJECT TO ASSIST IN TRAINING OF METEOROLOGISTS IN USE OF AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE WEATHER DATA, THE ORGANIZATION OF WARNING SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH PROGRAMS ON TROPICAL CYCLONES.

6. WMO HAS INFORMALLY RAISED POSSIBILITY OF HAVING ENTIRE PROJECT CONTRACTED TO US FOR IMPLEMENTATION. MOST EXPERTISE IN FIELD OF TROPICAL STORM RECONNAISSANCE AND PREDICTION IS IN THE US(ENGLISH SPEAKING), AS IS MANAGEMENT OF RESEARCH FLIGHT FACILITIES. PRODUCTION OF INSTRUMENTATION FOR AIRCRAFT USED IN ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH ALSO WELL ESTABLISHED IN UNITED STATES. AIRCRAFT TO BE USED IN PROGRAM IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE ONE OF US MANUFACTURE. WMO SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD GREATLY SIMPLIFY MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT IF SUB-CONTRACTING COULD BE WORKED OUT. IF THIS POSSIBILITY COULD BE ENTERTAINED BY THE US, MORE FORMAL PROPOSALS WILL LIKELY BE MADE BY WMO. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO US COULD BE COVERED UNDER SUCH A CONTRACT.

7. SINCE US HURRICAN SEASON NOW OVER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, WMO HOPES THAT EXPERTS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE QUICKLY. AN EARLY RESPONSE TO THIS CABLE WOULD THEREFORE BE APPRECIATED. DALE

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